

President.—I do not think. Nobody recommended. At my own instance, tenders were called for.

Applications for licenses for Jaggery Tapping.

126. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement showing the number of applications for tapping for jaggery received in the Excise Superintendent's Office in 1102 and 1103 but delayed for more than 3 months for their disposal ;

(b) will the Government be pleased also to state:—

i. whether the delay in the disposal of such applications does not involve misery and loss of livelihood to the poor applicants ;

ii. whether the Excise Superintendent has taken any disciplinary action in respect of the applications delayed for disposal ;

iii. if the answer to (ii) is in the affirmative, the nature and result of the action taken ;

iv. if the answer to (ii) is in the negative, why no such action was taken; and

(c) the caste to which the clerk of the Excise Superintendent's Office dealing with applications for jaggery tapping belongs ?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—3,510 applications in 1102 and 3,738 applications in 1103 were received for jaggery tapping. The latter part of the question cannot be answered without a laborious examination of more than 7,000 applications. Government do not think it worthwhile to undertake the task. If specific instances are brought to notice, the matter will be enquired into.

(b) (i) to (iv). No answer is necessary in view of the reply to (a).

(c) Brahmin.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know how long was he holding that post ?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—I cannot say how long. I saw him there when I took charge. He was there long before I came there. I cannot say how long. He must have been there for more than four years.

Purchase of Ganja.

127. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the names and designations of the officers of the Excise Department deputed in the years 1101, 1102, 1103 and 1104 to purchase and bring ganja to Ernakulam and the caste to which they belong ;

(2) the names of the store-houses from which the purchase was made on each occasion ;

(3) the amount of T. A. claimed by each officer referred to in (1) on each occasion ; and the amount actually passed and paid each time ;

(4) the amount of conveyance charges excluding railway freight incurred each time for the transport of ganja to Ernakulam ;

(5) whether there is any special reason for the deputation of certain officers alone for this purpose ?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—1 to 4, vide statement below.

Year	Name and designation of officer and caste	Name of store-house	T. A. Drawn, claimed, passed & paid	Con-veyance charges	Remarks
1101.	No officer was deputed by this Department to purchase ganja.				
			Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
1102	K. R. Ramaswami Ayyar, Aminadar, No. 119, Brahmin	Santavasal	36— 3— 0	43— 9— 0	Includes the ex- penses of a lead. viz., Rs. A. P. 21-14-6
1103	(1st consignment) T. M. Nilacanta Ayyar Aminadar No. 67. Brahmin.	Vetapalam	54— 8— 0	66— 11— 0	Includes the ex- penses o a lead, viz., Rs. A P. 30—9—0
...	(2nd consignment) K. R. Ramaswami Ayyar, Aminadar No. 119, Brahmin	do	54— 8— 6	36— 0— 0	
...	(3rd consignment) T. M. Nilacanta Ayyar, Aminadar No. 67 Brahmin.	do	54— 7— 0	37— 12— 0	
1104	do	do	50— 12— 0	29— 8— 0	

(5) The reason is that it was thought that these officers would be better able to do the work satisfactorily.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—With regard to answer to sub-division (5), may I know is it because they are Brahmins that they are qualified to do the work?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—The reason is given there.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Then may I know how they are better qualified, how they are better able to do the work satisfactorily?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—That is my opinion. My opinion of my subordinates is that among them these two officers were better able to do the work satisfactorily.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Have you tried any other officer of any other caste?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—I have not tried.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Then how do you know that the other officers are not able to do it?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—I know their capacity. That is my opinion.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—As to their capacity also, I think it is your opinion also.

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—Yes.

President.—All questions should be addressed to the Chair and not to the Member direct.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—I ask the question to the Government and I think I address it only to the President.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The President should also see that the other side also sticks to that rule. The Superintendent of Excise said 'I, I, I' when giving information. That should also be eliminated. Why this side alone be blamed, Sir?

President.—The Members when discussing forget these principles. There is no intention on their part not to adhere to them.

128. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Urakam Range Aminadar, who, towards the close of 1103, was deputed to bring down ganja, submitted a T. A. bill drawing thereon the T. A. for a peon also who did not actually travel with the aminadar;

(b) was the excess amount thus drawn on account of the peon refunded;

(c) was any disciplinary action taken against him for the false claim;

(d) is this aminadar now being recommended for exemption from educational qualifications in order to promote him to higher grades?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—(a) No.

(b) and (c). In view of the answer to (a) these do not arise.

(d) Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—With regard to the answer to sub-division (a) of this question, I want to know whether the Urakam Aminadar was sent to British parts to get down ganja?